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THE SURFSIDE EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS

THE SURFSIDE SPEAKER SERIES

FREE educational presentations and forums produced for the benefit of the residents of Surfside to be held in the Surfside Community Center Auditorium, 9301 Collins Avenue.

Sunday, June 12, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. Florida Yards & Neighborhoods

Featured Speaker: Marguerite Beckford, University of Florida IFAS Extension, FYN Program

The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods program can help you transform your yard into a beautiful oasis that will not only conserve precious water resources and reduce pollution, but will save time, energy and money. Learn how you can earn the "Florida Certified Yard" designation and yard sign.

FOLLOWING THE FLORIDA YARDS & NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM THERE WILL BE:

A BACKYARD COMPOST TRAINING SESSION Original Demonstration Date was: May 22, 2005

RE-SCHEDULED DATE IS: Sunday, June 12, 2005, at 4:00 p.m **Surfside Community Center Auditorium, 9301 Collins Avenue**

Facilitator: Dr. Monica Ozores-Hampton, Ph.D.,

..Police Chief

A research fellow at the University of Florida and renowned compost expert.

Space is limited to 30 residents, so please call Jackie Rojas at 305-993-1052 to reserve your spot.

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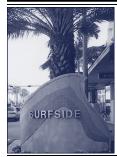
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Happy Father's Day!



FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Surfsiders.

article describes Miami's recent effort to completely scrap its current zoning laws and start over for the second time in 15 years (http://www.miamisunpost.com/KNGOFMIAMI.htm). The City of Miami has had to take these drastic measures because their current zoning law is completely unenforceable. Years of "spot" zoning (usually permitting commercial uses in residential neighborhood's) and variances (usually changing building height and density regulations because of a "hardship") has rendered virtually all of Miami's residential neighborhoods vulnerable to developers and their highly paid attorneys. The "hardship" usually described by developers is that if they played by the rules they would not make enough money.

An interesting column appeared in one of the local papers. The Unfortunately, their economic analysis usually does not include the neighborhood's loss of its quality of life. Surfside has, over the years, successfully defended itself from high density construction developers and their expensive attorneys.

> Unfortunately, it costs money to defend a Town. Approximately sixty-three percent of the Town's expense for attorney's fees is being spent on three cases. In various cases, the opposing side challenged the Town's right, under its 45 year old Zoning Ordinance, to regulate the use of land within its boundaries. Failure to defend the Town's right will allow highly paid zoning attorney's to pick our Zoning Ordinance apart, just as the City of Miami's has been. It is expensive – most lawsuits are.

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SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

On Thursday May 12th, the Surfside Police Department Jose Pacheco has two siblings who are serving the citizens held a ceremony in the 2nd floor Commission Chambers of the Municipal Government Building, promoting Detective John Davis

and Officers Loxley Arch III and Jose Pacheco to the rank of **Sergeant of Police**, as proud family, colleagues, friends, elected officials and administrative staff looked on.

John Davis is the son of retired Miami Beach Police Detective William Davis and is a former police officer from the City of Miami. John has been a member of the Surfside Police Department since 2002.

Loxley Arch III is the son of retired and deceased Miami-Dade Police Commander Loxley Arch II. "Arch" is a nine year veteran of the Surfside Police Department.



Surfside Police Department's newest Sergeants standing, from left to right: John Davis, Loxley Arch III,

of Miami-Dade County as police officers. His sister is a police officer with the Miami-Dade Public Schools Police Department and his brother is a police officer with the Miami-Dade Police Department. Officer Pacheco is a four year veteran of the Surfside Police

All three of these men are diligent professionals who have dedicated themselves to upholding the department's rich tradition of community policing. The Town and its residents are proud of their accomplishments and their skill develop-

ment, and are grateful for their unwavering commitment to ensuring our safety and well-being on a daily basis.

Department.

Congratulations!

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Much of the expense is covered by insurance. The Town's defense against groups that challenge the rules, and the resulting preservation of our quality of life, has been positively recognized by other municipalities. Surfside's maximum building height is now 1/3 of other South Florida communities. Given this fact, there are some who will decide that Surfside is "underdeveloped". They will try to maximize their profit by deviating from the rules that have existed through three generations of Surfsidians. I, as Mayor, will urge the Town and its residents to continue to resist. As the columnist states on the aforementioned article, it is too late for Miami to avoid the "insanity" that will result from its lack of land use controls. Surfside, does not have that problem.

On another matter, there have been some recent reports of street lights in need of replacement. Any resident may report an outage by calling Florida Power and Light directly at 1-800-468-8243 or you may call the Surfside Police Department at 305-861-4862.

Summer vacation is upon us. There will be more children and bicycles on our streets. Please remember to obey all stop signs and drive with caution through the neighborhood.

Tim Will Your Mayor

SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager announced that the "BetterPlace" link has been implemented on the Town's website. BetterPlace gives residents another opportunity to express their viewpoints, concerns, make suggestions and pose questions to the Town's administrative departments. The Town Manager encouraged residents to use the service which has been instituted to provide more efficient customer service.

Regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Lobbying Services, the Town Manager announced that the last day to submit a proposal was May 19th. He stated that there has been a fair amount of interest in the RFP and that he hopes to have several proposals at the end of the process. In order for the Town Commission to choose a lobbyist, the Town Manager will review the proposals and then, will return to the Town Commission with a list of recommended firms.

Regarding the sea oats planting and the rope fence, the Town Manager reported that the Department of Environmental

planted the sea oats along the beach, for drafting the Master Transportation noting that although they are merely Plan is approximately \$275,000. The sprouts at the present time, the plants coastal communities have been asked should fill up the entire dune nicely to contribute the remaining \$125,000 within just a few months. He noted for the purpose of hiring a consultant that the rope and post balustrade is to work on the Master Transportation complete up to the final two blocks Plan. The Town Manager noted that (87th and 88th streets), and work on the snow fence shall begin shortly. He munity is based on population, with noted that the snow fence will be replaced with the rope and post style balustrade. He also mentioned that The Town Manager reported that the DERM has 10.000 sea oats in reserve. They are to be used to replace any plantings that do not grow in properly, or are to replace those that do not take Harbour has asked the Town of

The Town Manager reported that the the street. He explained that the total City of Miami Beach asked the coastal communities to meet to discuss a plan to deal with our common traffic issues, as well as examine the impact a presentation on the project details. increased growth and development in He noted that the Village of Bal the beach areas will have on our traffic Harbour will be responsible for mainpatterns, and determine what the taining the landscaping along 96th Coastal Communities will do to Street once the project is complete. resolve the future congestion and The Town Manager requested that the problems that will arise. He reported Commission approve the expenditure that the group is applying for a of \$136,322.56 for continuation of the \$150,000 grant from the State of landscaping project into Surfside. He Florida which will be used to draft a noted that the Village of Bal Harbour is Resources Management (DERM) has Master Transportation Plan. The cost ready to commence work, having

the amount to be paid by each comthe Town's portion being \$4,196.

Village of Bal Harbour will soon begin the 96th Street Landscaping Project. He noted that the Village of Bal Surfside to participate by continuing the landscaping onto the south side of project is expected to cost \$598,630 with Surfside's portion being \$136,322.56. The Town Manager gave

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SURFSIDE "TENNIS CENTER" **NEW PROGRAMS:**

Adult Competition • Starts: June 6, 2005 • Time: Fridays 7:30 pm • Level: Intermediate Players • Fees: \$12 (includes balls, court fees and professional supervision)

Introduction Junior Tournament • Date: June 6 and June 8 • Time: 5:30 pm Level: Ages 9-13 • Fees: \$10

Junior Tournament • Dates: June 9, 2005 • Time: Thursdays 6:00 pm • Level:

Ages 14 and up • Fees: \$10

Monday	Adult Beginner Group Class	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday	Adult Intermediate Group Class	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursday	Adult Competition	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday	Tiny Tot Group Class	8:30 am - 9:30 am
	Jr. Group Class (6-8 years)	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Sunday	Adult Competition (Intermediate)	10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For more information call the Tennis Center at 305-866-5176

Game Room Hours:Friday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm • Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm • Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

LOOK FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- Back to School Luau in August at the Community Center Pool
- Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins





• Game Day (Adults only): Dominoes, board games & more!

CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

character, safety, charm and dignity of Surfside. The goal life safety issue, you may, sometimes, only be given twenof Code Enforcement is simply to ensure compliance, so ty-four (24) hours to correct the situation. If a violation that Surfside residents are protected from potential negliis not corrected in the specified time frame, the violation gence, and harmful or unsightly conditions. Property val- may be forwarded to a Special Masters Hearing who will ues remain high because of the Code's existence and determine resolution of the case. enforcement.

Officer will either inform you personally, or by courtesy notice, and you will be asked to correct the violation with-

The Town Code exists to maintain the peace, integrity, in a reasonable time period. If the violation is deemed a

Should you have any questions regarding Code If a violation has been recorded, the Code Compliance Enforcement or wish to discuss a notice you have received, please do not hesitate to contact the Code Compliance Department at 305-861-4863.

Town of Surfside Page 7 **June 2005**

> Summer: "Learn To Swim Program" Registration is currently in progress • Classes will begin in June Fees for Weekdays / Weekends: Resident \$20 / Non Resident \$40

Toddler Water Readiness Ages: 1^{1/2} - 3 Young children develop a high comfort level of being in the water and around the pool, as well as a readiness to learn how to swim.

Weekdays: 9:00 - 9:30 am Weekends: 9:00 - 9:30 am

Weekends: 9:45 - 10:15 am

Preschool Swim Lessons Ages: 3 - 5 Preschool age children will learn water adjustment, how to breathe properly, floating and basic arm and leg movements. Weekdays: 9:45 - 10:15 am

Beginner Swim Lessons Ages: 6 - up Learn the basic principles of swimming. Personal safety is stressed throughout the course. Weekdays: 10:30 - 11:00 am Weekends: 10:30 - 11:00 am

Weekday Classes: Monday through Thursday

Session I **June 6 - June 16** June 20 - June 30 Session II Session III **July 5 - July 14** Session IV **July 18 - July 28**

Weekend Classes:

Saturday through Sunday

Session I June 4 - June 26 Session II July 2 - July 24



EXPANDED SURFSIDE COMMUNITY POOL HOURS: JUNE & JULY HOURS OF OPERATION



Adult Classes:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Friday Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm **Lap Swimming**

Sunday - Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 am Summer Hours begin Friday, June 3, 2005

Yogalates:

(Resident \$40 / Non Resident \$65 per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Yogalates integrates exercise from Yoga and Pilates. The results are increased flexibility, stronger core strength, and greater overall power and grace. This is an effective and challenging workout for all ages and fitness levels.

Note: Registration in Progress No classes July 7 & July 14.

Thursday (Session III)

June 16 - August 18 7:00 - 8:00 pm

(Resident \$40 / Non Resident \$65 per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefit your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition.

SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

Note: Registration in Progress *Note: No Class July 4

Sunday (Session I)	
May 1 - June 19	11:00 - 12:00 pm
Monday (Session V)	_
May 16 - July 11	7:00 - 8:00 pm

Pilates:

(Resident \$40 / Non Resident \$65 per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) and helps reshape the body by creat-

ing long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility.

Note: Registration in Progress

Tuesday (Session V)	
Apr 19 - June 14	7:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday (Session V)	_
May 18 - July 6	7:00 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday (Session VI)	
June 21 - Aug 9	7:00 - 8:00 pm

Adult Education Classes: Classes end July 29, 2005

Yoga

Tuesday	9 - 11 am	Ages: Adults
Thursday	9 - 11 am	Ages: 55+

Water Aerobics

Wednesday 9:30 - 11 am Ages: Adults

Conversational Spanish 1

Wednesday 12 - 1:30 pm Ages: Adults

Conversational Spanish 2 & 3

Wednesday 1:30 - 3:35 pm Ages: Adults

Oil Painting/Drawing

Thursday 10 - 12:30 pm Ages: Adults Thursday 12:30 - 2:30 pm Ages: 55+

Current Events/Adult Life Stages

Thursday 2:00 - 4:00 pm Ages: 55+

- All Adult Classes are Free except Spanish classes. Fees for Spanish classes are \$48.00.
- Call the Recreation Department 305-866-3635 for scheduling information.

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already secured a landscaping compa- address the project. ny and obtained the necessary Department of Transportation Permits. In other matters the Town Commission The Commission approved the request.

Regarding possible improvements to Commission of the Town of Surfside, the walking path (located at the top of Florida requesting that Miami-Dade the dune) and the hard pack (located County revise bus route 118, Route 4. The Town Commission, upon a at the bottom of the dune, west of the "R" in order to eliminate bus travel on motion made by Commissioner walking path), the Town Manager Dickens Avenue through the Town's Levine, directed the Town Manager to requested direction from the Town residential neighborhoods and further Commission regarding alternatives and requesting that bus route 118, Route firm that will conduct a forensic audit ideas for these areas. He requested direction from the Commission as to Avenue through the Town's business whether or not to move forward with district; and providing an effective the original project which would cost date. **VOTE: 4-1 WITH MAYOR** approximately \$300,000. He mentioned that there are several grants that the Town may be able to apply for to 3. A resolution of the Town help mitigate the total costs. Commission of the Town of Surfside, Following a lengthy discussion, the Florida, urging the Miami-Dade Board Commission directed the Town of County Commissioners to oppose Manager to schedule a workshop to any extension to the urban develop-

unanimously approved the following:

- "R" be re-routed to travel along Collins WILL DISSENTING.

ment boundary at the present time, to encourage infill development and adherence to the County Development Master Plan as currently adopted, including the adopted 2003 Evaluation 2. A resolution of the Town and Appraisal Report and providing an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS.**

> put forward an RFP to hire a person or of the Town's books for the last five years and which is to be conducted by a firm or individual other than the current Town Auditor Alyce Jones, CPA. Commissioner Coto seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried 3-2, with Mayor Will and **Commissioner Jimenez dissenting.**

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The Town of Surfside's new Website address **www.townofsurfsidefl.gov** identifies it as a government agency. Please note the following e-mail address changes:



Mayor Tim Will Commissioner Orestes Jimenez Commissioner Steven Levine Town Clerk Beatris Arguelles

mayor@townofsurfsidefl.gov oiimenez@townofsurfsidefl.gov slevine@townofsurfsidefl.gov barguelles@townofsurfsidefl.gov

For your convenience and handy reference, the Town is pleased to report that all Building Department forms are now available for downloading. In our efforts to enhance our electronic capabilities, residents are reminded that they can communicate with the Town's administrative departments through the BetterPlace link on our Website.

COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

New Construction Committee is busy analyzing the ideas, www.townofsurfsidefl.gov for updates. wishes and recommendations that you shared. They are in

The New Construction Community Center Committee, contact with the architects from the Russell Partnership chaired a series of public workshops which were held last Group who are preparing a feasibility study that addresses month to obtain feedback from Surfside residents regard- the issue of new construction versus renovation. The ing this project. The Town Commission and Committee study should be ready to present at the July 12th thank **everyone** who participated in the workshops. The Commission Meeting. Please check the Town Website

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SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

Storytime: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **NOTE:** The library is closed to the general public at this time, so be sure to knock on the library door to gain entrance.

For your reading pleasure....

- The Inner Voice by Renee Fleming (world famous opera singer)
- Sullivan's Law by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg (mystery)
- Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim by David Sedaris
- Bet Me by Jennifer Cruise (a popular summer time read)
- Impossible by Danielle Steel (the latest release from this best-selling author)

On CD....

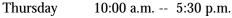
• Frankenstein by Dean Koontz

New DVD's....Don't forget -- these are available on a "first come, first serve" basis.

- Garden State
- Finding Neverland

Summer Hours for the Surf-Bal-Bay Library From June 6, 2005 to August 8, 2005

Monday	10:00 a.m 5:3	0 p.m.	Friday	10:00 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	1:00 p.m 8:00	0 p.m.	Saturday	CLOSED
Wednesday	10:00 a.m 5:30	0 p.m	Sunday	CLOSED



TOURIST BUREAU NEWS

Tourist Bureau members will be on Summer sabbatical and will not meet during the months of June, July & August. Meetings will resume in September.

Crime Prevention Workshop

Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Topic: "Crimes Against the Elderly"



<u>Featured Speaker:</u> Miami-Dade Police Officer Bill Harrington.

A specialist in elderly victims of crime.

Location:

Surfside Municipal Building, 9293 Harding Avenue 2nd Floor Training Room



Light refreshments will be served.

If you invite a friend to this important workshop <u>you will both</u> receive a complimentary gift, courtesy of the Surfside Police Department.

For more information on available SurfWatch programs, or for a free residential and commercial survey, please contact Lieutenant Emmanuel Nelson at 305-861-4862. The Police Department e-mail address is: Surfsidepd@the-beach.net.

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ENJOY "A MOVIE UNDER THE STARS" WHILE RELAXING IN THE POOL.



Please bring your own flotation devices. Pool deck lounge chairs will also be available.

Surfside Community Center: Saturday June 18th, 2005

HOURS: Pool gate opens at 8:00 p.m.; movie will start promptly at 8:30 p.m.



FEE: Surfside resident - FREE (with proof of residency) Area Hotel Guests - FREE (with Hotel ID)

Regular admission: \$6.00 per adult, and \$3.00 per each child 14 years and under



TOWN OF SURFSIDE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

JUNE PROGRAMS

SELF DEFENSE CLASS: *NEW* (FREE: Town Residents)

Come and decrease your individual fears and increase muscle memory and awareness. All participants must register at the Surfside Community Center. Program is for Surfside residents only and proof of residency is required at the time of registration

Note: Registration in Progress

Thursday

June 16 - August 4

Ages: 12 - Adult 6:30 - 8:00 pm

BEGINNER CHESS PROGRAM: *NEW* (Resident \$45 / Non Resident \$65 per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

This program is for children that want to learn how to play chess or for children who are familiar with the game and

game and June 9 - A want to improve on their abilities in a Ages 3 - 5 fun learning environment.

Note: Registration in Progress

Saturday (Session I)

Apr 30 - June 18 Ages: 7-12 12:00 -1:00 pm

Kids Classes

Gymnastics:

(per child 8 weeks = 8 classes) Resident \$45 / Non Resident \$75 3:30 - 4:25 pm

Resident \$55 / Non Resident \$85 4:30 - 5:40 pm

Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics.

Note: Registration in Progress *No Classes July 13 & 14

Wednesday (Session V)

June 8 - Aug 3

Ages 3 - 5 3:30 - 4:25 pm Ages 6 - 10 4:30 - 5:40 pm

Thursday (Session I)

June 9 - Aug 4

Ages 3 - 5 3:30 - 4:25 pm

Acrobatics and Tumbling: (Resident \$55 / Non Resident \$85

per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Boys and girls 10 and up are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics. **Note: Registration in Progress**

Note: Registration in Progr *No Class July 13

Wednesday (Session IV)

June 8 - Aug 3

Ages: 10 - up 5:45 - 6:55 pm

Hip Hop Jazz Dance: (Resident \$45 / Non Resident \$75 per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

This dance class is designed to incorporate jazz technique as well as hip hop moves to today's pop music. This class will also improve your child's flexibility as well as coordination.

Note: Registration in Progress *No Class July 13

Wednesday (Session I)

June 8 - Aug 3

Ages: 11 and up 7:00 - 7:55 pm

June 2005 Town of Surfside **June 2005**

June Calendar***

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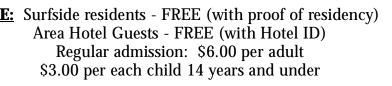


JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

at the Surfside Community Center.

Lap swimming from 8:00 am - 9:00 am. **HOURS:** Pool will open for regular swimming at 9:00 am Festivities begin at Noon

Gala Fireworks display at 9:00 pm.



Enjoy swimming, games, prizes featuring Two Live Bands Panzibes & Danger Drew Band

Come and enjoy a fun-filled holiday. Contact the Recreation Department for more information at (305) 866-3635.

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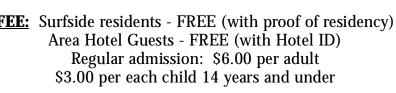


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